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## NO DECISION YET ON ABDICATION

Empress Dowager, Princes and  
Manchu Officials Cannot  
Agree.

Peking, China, January 19.—The princes of the imperial clan, a number of leading Manchu officials and several members of the government had a protracted conference this morning with the Empress Dowager at the palace, but again separated without arriving at a decision on the question of abdication.

The leading princes favored an unconditional abdication of the throne. Three of the younger princes, together with T'ieh-Liang, the former Tartar general at Nanking, would not, however, agree to the court's retirement to Jehol, although they did not suggest an alternative. The Manchu officials, who most strenuously opposed abdication are those of Inner Mongolia from the districts south of the desert. Their opposition is strengthened by fear that the republicans will confiscate their estates. Premier Yuan Shih-kai was invited several times to participate in the conference of the princes, but he steadfastly refused, as he desired to leave the decision entirely to the court.

The situation continues tense. It seems impossible that Peking can escape eventually a Manchurian outbreak. Soldiers belonging to the imperial bodyguard to-day openly distributed leaflets exhorting the people to defend the constitution, monarchy and to death, but it is unlikely that any persons except the Manchus will fight for the monarchy.

It is currently reported that the irreconcilable Prince Tai Tao, brother of the ex-emperor, is inciting the Manchus to rise.

### Appeal for Recognition.

Washington, January 19.—The cable appeal for recognition of the Chinese republicanism, signed by Foreign Minister Wang Chung-wei, was received by the State Department to-day. It is regarded as marking a serious crisis in the important negotiations now going on in China for the restoration of peace to the distracted country, for the decision of the State Department upon the appeal is certain to have great influence upon the five other powers interested in the situation. It is probable that the department will move in this matter until it has conferred with these powers.

This sounding process may be conducted through the diplomatic representatives of the powers at Peking whose judgment up to this point has been in favor of the Chinese republicanism. With some regret the Chinese have recognized the growing probability of a division of China into two parts.

They hope, however, that the separation of the North from the South, which is expected soon, will not be permanent, but that the two sections may be combined under one government as a result of the deliberations of the national convention, which may still be realized.

Early action upon the appeal therefore is not expected, but in any event the State Department is expected to take a definite position. The Chinese there shall be no departure from the policy that it has steadfastly pursued of maintaining absolute impartiality as between the factions in China.

### United States Troops on Duty.

Peking, January 19.—The Fifteenth Regiment of United States Infantry, which is to act as guard for the president.

## Remarkable Christmas Present

Among the curious Christmas presents of this season will be one for a man of national reputation, which has been all year in the making. Way last January the present was made up, and friends of the prominent gentleman requested the Burrelle Press Clipping Bureau, of New York, to watch every paper in America and to take up every item which appeared concerning the man.

The clipping bureau people followed instructions, and now present the history of a year in the life of this special man.

The history ends just after election, and the 20,000 paper items found include everything from the Burrelle editorial mention to full-page illustrated stories. These have been mounted on 2,500 great sheets of Irish linen paper and bound into three massive volumes.

At the head of each item is the name and date of paper clipped from, the information having been put in with a book typewriter. The words thus inserted amount to 153,252.

This is a very strict record of which has been kept, the work required sixty-four working days throughout the year, and has kept in employment during that time thirty people, as readers, clippers, sorters, mounters and binders. Every newspaper clipping is represented. This is merely a specimen of some of the unique orders which get into the Burrelle Bureau, for the extent to which clippings are used by individuals and by business concerns seems to be remarkable.

There are many people in private as well as in public life who need press clippings and don't know it. It might be well for them to look up this man Burrelle, who is said to be so well known that he is simply addressed "Burrelle, New York," will reach him with no delay.

## HE WILL CONTINUE TO ENFORCE LAWS

New Haven, Conn., January 19.—Speaking before the New Haven Chamber of Commerce to-day, President Taft made a plea for the continuance of his economy and efficiency commission; declared that the administration has no desire to "persecute" business, but that it will "continue to enforce the law against monopoly and unlawful combinations, and urged business men of the country to get together with him to insure prosperity.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, an earlier speaker, although he called himself an optimist, had sounded a warning against the increased danger of socialism. To this warning the President took exception.

"I don't think," said the President, "that we are as near that which he fears and which I should fear if I thought it was near it—socialism. I have abiding faith in the American people. I have abiding faith that after a time they will come back and discriminate between what is good and what is bad. What we need is prosperity. A lack of prosperity does not make the rich more comfortable; it is lack of prosperity that makes the poor uncomfortable. What I hope is that we'll all get together in good team work to bring about prosperity."

The President spoke on the relation of the government to business. He explained the change that has come in the attitude of the railroads to legislation affecting them now on the statute books and which they opposed vigorously a few years ago. The recent decisions of the Supreme Court in two "great cases," he said, had paved the way for business to live within the antitrust law.

"It has been enforced," said the President, "and it will continue to be enforced quietly. I wish with as little disturbance to business as possible."

As the guest of the Chamber of Commerce and as part of his visit to New Haven to attend a meeting of the Yale University Corporation, of which he is a member, President Taft tonight made the chief address, taking for his subject: "The Tariff and the Tariff Commission." The gathering, which numbered nearly 1,000 men, was representative of the industrial, social and political life of the city.

Senator Bailey spoke to the subject, "Some Political Centricities." He attacked socialism, the industrial referendum and recall in no uncertain terms.

## LEE-JACKSON DAY EXERCISES HELD

Norfolk, Va., January 19.—Lee-Jackson Day celebrations, commemorative of the natal anniversaries of Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson, were held here and in other Virginia cities to-day. Confederate organizations took the lead, veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy for the most part, uniting in joint celebrations. The day was a state holiday, with the closing of banks, schools and many public offices.

### Appropriate Exercises.

Lexington, Va., January 19.—Lee-Jackson Day was appropriately observed here to-day by the suspension of duties at Washington and Lee University, presided over by General Lee after the Civil War and up to the time of his death, and at the Virginia Military Institute, where General Jackson was professor previous to his entrance into the war. It is fitting that these two illustrious soldiers should have their birthdays jointly observed in Lexington, where their tombs are sacredly guarded.

The annual dinner given by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to the Confederate veterans of Rockbridge was held at the Blue Hotel, and quite a large number of the old warriors gathered around the banquet table. Rev. A. T. Graham, D.D., invoked a blessing; Commandant E. L. Graham, of Camp Frank Paxton, Sons of Confederate Veterans, welcomed the veterans. Colonel J. D. H. Ross responded on behalf of Lee-Jackson Camp of Confederate Veterans. Rev. E. C. Ross pronounced the benediction.

### Veterans Enjoy Banquet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Fredericksburg, Va., January 19.—The Daughters of the Confederacy celebrated General Lee's birthday by meeting at the home of Mrs. Alvin T. Rowe, in the afternoon. An interesting program was rendered. A feature of the meeting was the presentation of crosses of honor on several veterans. The members of Maury Camp, Confederate Veterans, and their guests enjoyed a banquet to-night in honor of the day. Commander A. B. Bowering was master of ceremonies and the address was made by a number of veterans and citizens.

### Mrs. Stephen Putney Is Orator.

Wyllieville, Va., January 19.—Wyllieville Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held a meeting to-day in honor of the birthday of General Lee. The services were held in the courthouse. The program consisted of music, addresses and the presentation of crosses to nine Confederate veterans. Mrs. Stephen Putney, after an introduction by Rev. J. A. Hurt, made an address dealing with the achievements of the Confederate soldiers.

### Crosses of Honor Distributed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Danville, Va., January 19.—Robert E. Lee's birthday was celebrated here to-day by appropriate exercises. The local chapter Daughters of the Confederacy assembled at the Lee School, where Rev. W. B. Beauchamp delivered an address upon the subject. Crosses of honor were distributed to many veterans and a handsome picture of Lee was presented to the school.

### Ask Your Doctor

Is alcohol a tonic? No! Does it make the blood pure? No! Does it strengthen the nerves? No! Is Ayer's Sarsaparilla a tonic? Yes! Does it make the blood pure? Yes! Does it strengthen the nerves? Yes! Ask your doctor about this family medicine and learn more. Then do as he says.

# Big values for women

WHAT do you want to know? What have you got to do? Is it help with your cooking, suggestions for entertaining your friends, ideas on bringing up your children, ways of beautifying your home, or is it fresh, amusing, inspiring reading you want? Here it all is in the February Woman's Home Companion—called "Valentine Number" because of the calendar, beautiful like a valentine with its splendid cover, and its full-page valentine—but more useful than beautiful; so it might well be called the "Housewife's Number." How to build your home, decorate it, furnish it and have a garden the first year; how to train, instruct and amuse your children; how to cook a hundred new dishes; nine pages of fashions (one for men); 86 pages of help for you, the best ideas of people who know how—all for **15c**

### Her House

Are you going to build? The Colonial type is one that seldom goes wrong. It always looks like a home. Our architect has designed a good Colonial house, with floor plans and perspectives. Are you puzzled about a color scheme for decoration? Ask questions of our Decorative Department. A garden the first year is possible if you follow the plan outlined in "A Short Order Garden."

House planning help **15c**

### Her Kitchen

Why do you pay so much for vegetables and meats? The commission government of Des Moines found out, instituted "The Open Market" and cut prices in two. One of the commission tells how it was done.

The daily bill of fare is often a hard problem. Here are seasonable household menus for every day in the month, five special luncheons with twenty-six recipes, one a Valentine luncheon, fully illustrated, with measured recipes for making each dish.

All this for **15c**

### Her Spare Moments

The housewife who follows the household suggestions of The Woman's Home Companion has many moments for pleasure and light work, some results of which can be utilized in the Pin Money Club. The exchange to which housewives contribute successful experiments, helps us help each other. There are sixteen good letters from Woman's Home Companion readers; eighteen funny short stories; two pages of embroidery, complete instructions for crocheting a hooded sweater, a page devoted to amateur photography, and a page devoted to china painting—practical suggestions by those who have tried them, anyone of which is worth the price of this entire number—

**15c**

### Her Children

The education, health and entertainment of children is a large part of a mother's life. This number is particularly rich in that it has the children's serial, "The Island Twins," the children's cut-out book toy, "The Adventures of Jack and Betty," Sam Lloyd's Puzzle Page, the Kewpies, a Dickens Party for Children, Home-Made Valentines that Children can make, and four pieces of furniture that boys can make.

Dr. Dennett is a specialist in the diseases of children. His department makes many babies' lives happier and healthier.

Help for mothers **15c**

### Her Social Life

Two sympathetic departments—one, "The Tower Room Talks" for girls, and the other, "Margaret E. Sangster's 'Sweethearts and Wives'" for their mothers. Two pages of Valentine games and entertainment suggest to the busy hostess ways of entertaining her guests, and ten programs for women's clubs—all but a small part of the big Valentine Number of The Woman's Home Companion.

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### Her Story

Would a Woman Do It?

There is a story by Juliet Wilbur Tompkins "The Way." It is a way to make another woman happy—a strange, unusual way—so strange and unusual that the editors are wondering if it could happen. We want your opinion. Could a woman do such a thing? Make such a sacrifice in such a way? There are other stories—good stories—but read "The Way" first. Would a woman do it? Six short stories for **15c**

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## THE WEATHER. STATUE OF VANCE WILL BE ORDERED

Forecast: For Virginia—Fair, colder Saturday; moderate, northerly winds; Sunday fair, slightly warmer.

For North Carolina—Fair, colder Saturday; fair, warmer interior; moderate north and northeast winds.

### Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature	56
3 P. M. temperature	55
Maximum temperature up to 5	57
Minimum temperature up to 5	37
Normal temperature	47
Excess in temperature	10
Deficiency in temperature since January 1	232
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1912	338
Deficiency in rainfall since January 1	6.67
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	1.17
Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.	
Temperature	57
Humidity	57
Wind direction	N. E.
Wind velocity	N. E.
Weather	Clear
Rainfall last twelve hours	.04

### CONVITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place.	Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.
Ashville	32 40 32 Clear
Atlanta	40 46 40 Clear
Atlantic City	32 48 32 Clear
Charleston	60 65 58 Clear
Jacksonville	74 80 74 Clear
Chicago	8 10 6 Clear
Denver	42 48 32 Clear
Duluth	32 42 32 P. cloudy
Galveston	42 48 32 P. cloudy
Hatteras	42 48 32 P. cloudy
Havre	10 20 6 P. cloudy
Omaha	38 42 32 P. cloudy
Pittsburgh	18 24 18 Snow
Raleigh	41 46 44 Clear
St. Louis	18 18 12 P. cloudy
St. Paul	22 28 22 P. cloudy
San Francisco	56 58 52 Cloudy
Savannah	60 68 60 Clear
Spokane	32 32 24 Cloudy
Tampa	74 74 48 Clear
Washington	30 48 30 Clear
Winnipeg	2 2 18 Clear
Wytheville	28 42 38 Clear

### [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., January 19.—Definite steps are on foot for setting up in Statuary Hall, Washington, a suitable statue of Zebulon B. Vance, citizen and statesman of North Carolina, who served his State as Governor of North Carolina for many years. In the 1907 Congress and Senator in the National Congress for many years. In the 1907 Legislature there was a joint resolution introduced by J. C. Buxton, of Winston-Salem, that provided for a suitable statue to Vance in Statuary Hall to be paid for out of the North Carolina treasury at the discretion of the Governor and Council of State.

The instance of the State officers constituting the Council of State, Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes have gone to Washington to make a thorough investigation as to what is required to give North Carolina a statue in Statuary Hall. The representative they should have. Later they will report to the Council of State and definite action will be taken.

Episcopal Sunday School Secretary E. L. Middleton has about completed the arrangements for a series of Sunday school institutes that will run each week from now until June 1, the first one being this week at Sanford. There will be at least one institute for each association throughout the State before the year is out. Those already arranged to take place before June 1 are to include Red Springs, Winterville and Wilmington. Mr. Middleton is to be assisted in this work by Rev. Hight C. Moore, editor of the Biblical Recorder; L. E. M. Freeman, J. H. Highsmith, N. B. Broughton and others.

There was a charter to-day for the J. G. Walser Company, of Lexington, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$1,500 sub-

scribed, for mercantile business, J. G. Walser, Z. V. Walser and Z. L. Walser being the incorporators. The issued of this charter was about the only business transacted in the State offices to-day.

The bursting of a steam pipe in connection with the heating apparatus at the State House made it impossible for the representatives hall to be used to-day for the usual program of celebration for the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, and the exercises were held in the auditorium of Meredith College.

Ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock paid an eloquent tribute to General Lee, the ex-Governor being the orator of the evening. He was introduced by Attorney-General T. W. Bickett. C. Brown, Sheriff, was master of ceremonies and Rev. H. M. North, of the Edenton Street Methodist Church was chaplain for the occasion. The Johnstone Pettigrew chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was the moving spirit in the holding of the celebration.

### SPENT FOUR YEARS IN JAIL

RATHER THAN BETRAY FRIENDS  
Charlotte, N. C., January 19.—E. R. Sepaugh, prominent in reconstruction days as a leader in the Ku Klux Klan, was to-day at his home in Grover, N. C., aged sixty-five. Sepaugh led a division of the clan that lynched Tom Rountree, a negro agitator, a year ago. He was finally released without trial. Sepaugh carried a bullet from the negro's pistol to his grave.

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### Richmond May Lose Its Franchise

New York, January 19.—An informal meeting of the new United States Baseball League was held here to-night. No real business was transacted, but the managers favored the proposition submitted by M. A. Bobrick, of Cleveland, and he will in all probability be granted the franchise at a meeting to-morrow night. It was also agreed among the men present that the Reading franchise be transferred to Buffalo and the Richmond franchise to Baltimore.

## TWO CANDIDATES FOR MAYORALTY

Farmville, Va., January 19.—Candidates for the mayoralty of Farmville are actively at work for honor and already the canvass is warming up, though the primary is not until late in the spring of this year. Mayor Barrow, who succeeded the late Blanton by appointment, is opposed for the position by Dr. William J. Gilley, a young physician.

The necessity of a better public school building for Farmville was discussed at a special meeting of the town council Tuesday night, and a committee was appointed to have charge of the matter of raising the money for the erection of a suitable structure. In furtherance of the movement, the Mayor has called a mass-meeting to be held next Tuesday night to discuss ways and means for the new building.

Mayor Barrow called a meeting of the citizens for the purpose of considering the necessity of continuing the existence of the Farmville Guard. Unless there is reorganization of the company by next Monday, it will be disbanded and the arms and accoutrements will be turned over to another town. Captain H. H. Hunt, who resigned his commission in the Guard, is in command of the company, provided he has the co-operation of the citizens and it can be recruited to the necessary number.

At the annual meeting of the Farmville dispensary board, a dividend was declared, amounting to more than \$9,000, the amount to be properly distributed being the town of Farmville ministerial district and the State. This was the third or fourth dividend declared during the year, making in all more than \$20,000 distributed.

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